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## Wing celebrates historic birthday

By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer

The 62nd Airlift Wing's time at McChord will reach a historic milestone Saturday, marking the 62nd anniversary as a wing at this base.

The wing was established as the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing on July 28, 1947, calling McChord Field (later Air Force Base) home on Aug. 15, 1947. The 4th, 7th and 8th Airlift Squadrons (formerly Troop Carrier Squadrons) moved from Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, and began flying operations.

In 1950, McChord became part of the Air Defense Command's 25th Air Division, which played a pivotal role that same decade in the Korean Conflict airlift operations, flying C-54s and C-124s, and serving as a major port for the movement of troops and supplies.

In 1966, the first Lockheed C-141 Starlifter arrived at McChord

in August to begin replacing the venerable Douglas C-124 Globemaster II. The conversion was complete by the end of 1969. The 62nd enhanced its capabilities in 1975 when the 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron became assigned to the wing, flying turboprop Lockheed C-130 Hercules transports.

In December 1991, the 62nd Military Airlift Wing was redesignated the 62nd Airlift Wing.

Eight years later, the wing marked another milestone, as McChord received the first C-17 Globemaster III. McChord's last C-141 Starlifter was flown to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., to the bone yard in 2002. The 38th C-17 was delivered June 20, making the 62nd Airlift Wing a fully operational C-17 wing. Also during August, the wing made history when 13 C-17s took off at 30-second intervals — the base's largest C-17 jet formation ever. For more on the C-17's 10 years at McChord, see Pages 8-9.



Photo by Abner Guzman

## New-look lanes

Senior Airman Daniel Hampton, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron, center, and his family check out bowling shoes at the Sounders Lanes front counter Tuesday. After closing for most of the summer, renovations to the center include a new seating area behind the lanes and new paint and patriotic graphics throughout the bowling area. The center hosts a grand reopening celebration Aug. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. with food and beverage specials. People can also enter to win a big-screen television, bowling equipment or Puyallup Fair concert tickets.

## Joint Base preparation stays on steady course

By  
1st Lt. Joe Wingard  
62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Development of Joint Base Lewis-McChord reached a significant milestone this week with the expected signing of the Memorandum of Agreement by the vice chiefs of the Army and Air Force. The MOA was developed locally and finalized in May after months of work by McChord and Fort Lewis leadership and key staff agencies from both bases. The MOA outlines in general scope how the two services will work together as the Joint Base forms in 2010.

The next step in development of JBLM has been underway since May as key staff agencies continue to work closely to prepare detailed plans consolidating installation support functions of McChord and the Fort Lewis Garrison into a Joint Base structure. These plans will be assembled in one document that will form an operational plan. The OPLAN is a key document in implementing the MOA.

"The idea of the OPLAN is not to plan the daily operations of organizations, it's really designed to detail how they are going to merge," said Lt. Col. Joseph Snow, deputy director of the JBLM

Initiative. "We need to determine how we are going to consolidate and become a Joint Base. We all have a responsibility to figure out how that will be done, and in fact many teams from both installations have been working very long hours to develop quality products."

To date, approximately 14 of 22 specific OPLAN annexes addressing key JBLM installation support functions have been completed. Those that remain primarily require review that is already scheduled to occur.

The 62nd Communications Squadron, a key service provider of the future JBLM information management function, has worked with their Fort Lewis counterparts on development of a communications annex since May.

"We've been working together quite well and are in contact each week concerning subjects that are being written into our annex," said Charles Hawthorne, 62nd CS deputy director. "This has been a beneficial process and we both have a mutual understanding of how we will support customers on the Joint Base. We anticipate a final annex review on Aug. 29."

As development of the OPLAN continues, the JB Partnership Council continues to prepare for the future. A three-day JBLM table top exercise is scheduled to start Wednesday. The exercise

has been locally developed to simulate predictable stresses to installation support functions that could occur on JBLM. Representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Army and Air Force higher headquarters will observe the event.

The event is the first JBLM exercise and is to be led by the future JBLM Command Team, Army Col. Thomas Brittain, future JBLM commander, and Air Force Col. Kenny Weldon, future JBLM deputy commander. Colonel Brittain currently serves as the Fort Lewis Garrison commander and Colonel Weldon currently serves as McChord's 62nd Mission Support Group commander.

Following the exercise, Joint Base planners will study the results to ensure lessons learned are documented for consideration in future JB plans.

The exercise, documentation of lessons learned and the continued development of the OPLAN are the next tangible steps leading to signing of the JBLM OPLAN by Colonel Brittain and Colonel Weldon, currently scheduled for Nov. 12.

Once the OPLAN is signed, the JB team will prepare an operational order to carry out the OPLAN -- the final step in implementing the MOA. The OPORD is scheduled to be signed by Colonel Brittain Jan. 14 and JBLM will reach initial operating capability Jan. 31.

### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY



Hi: 73  
Low: 52

SATURDAY



Hi: 75  
Low: 53

SUNDAY



Hi: 78  
Low: 54

Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Thursday

Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

### Countdown to success

Next MOBEX..... 28 days

Operational  
Readiness Inspection..... 72 days

Joint Base IOC..... 170 days

### Don't miss it ...

### Match Up picnic

The 62nd Force Support Squadron hosts a picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the base track pavilion.





# Airman's Roll Call: Mentoring tools available on Web

*Editor's note: Airman's Roll Call is a leadership tool designed for supervisors at all levels to help keep Airmen informed on current issues, clear up confusion, dispel rumors and provide additional face-to-face communication between supervisors and their teams.*

Mentoring is a critical component of the Air Force's Force Development construct. The program is normally a relationship in which a person with greater experience and wisdom guides another person to develop both personally and professionally. Mentoring is not a promotion enhancement program, but is

designed primarily to prepare Airmen for increased responsibilities.

Air Force mentoring covers a wide range of areas, such as career guidance, technical and professional development, leadership, Air Force history and heritage, air and space power doctrine, strategic vision, and contribution to joint warfighting.

Some of the benefits of the mentoring program are:

- Enhanced capacity to translate core values and strategies into productive actions
- Increased mastery of the institutional and occupational competencies

- Smoother transition for Airmen to receive further professional career development

- More knowledgeable Airmen about the Air Force strategic plan and direction

- Greater retention of Airmen
- More efficient leaders
- Better communicators who are strategic in their thinking

- Creation of a more innovative environment with more Airmen having the universal perspective

A good resource to use while mentoring enlisted Airmen is "My Enlisted Development Plan (MyEDP)." This plan provides a modern, Web-based approach for

enlisted Airmen to manage their career development. Available via the Air Force Portal, MyEDP is a one-stop-shopping electronic toolkit enabling Airmen to designate their mentor or mentee, collaborate with peers, and track their professional career progression. Air Force officials plan to roll out officer and civilian versions of this program by fall 2009. Another important resource for mentors & mentees is the information contained in AFI 36-3401, Air Force Mentoring. Revised AFI is expected NLT 1 Oct 2009.

Find Airman's Roll Call Online Here: <http://www.af.mil/library/viewpoints>.

## Tackling performance head-on pays big benefits

By

Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Billingshurst  
62nd Maintenance Group superintendent

I am absolutely amazed at how well our Air Force and Team McChord accomplishes the mission and honestly, at times I'm challenged to comprehend just how we do it. If we spent the time to peel it back, we'd probably find solid leadership and direction, team work, resources and ultimately individual performance at the core of our successes. We all deal with one of these factors daily — performance, be it our own, or the performance of those around us.

Bucking a trend I've noticed in the last few

years, I encourage people to deal with performance head-on. It starts with self assessment. When things don't work out as well as expected we need to ask ourselves why. The first thing I do when things don't work out is to look in the mirror and ask myself a few questions: Did I underperform? Did I fully understand, define or communicate the requirement? Did I properly plan to accomplish it? Did I have or make ample time to accomplish the requirement? Did I ever really decide to get it done well?

I realize there is no "I" in "team" but "me" is in there and frankly, a lot of the time the teams I work with depend on "me"— another great reason to self assess as part of the problem solving process. I don't need to spend time or

resources chasing symptoms if I can determine my own performance caused a shortfall. Let's leave the smokescreens or alibis behind when we realize we've got room to improve. The last time I checked, we all did.

When supervising, we can take a similar approach. There's no reason to crush people, but there is a need to get to the real cause of a shortfall. If the root cause is a member's performance, let's call it and take the right action to improve it. Again, we've all got some room to improve.

Leaders and followers alike stand to benefit from tackling performance head on. Let's look at performance honestly and stay clear of alibis. We'll find ourselves making smart, lasting improvements and solving problems logically.

## The Sharp Airman ...

assists subordinates in resolving personal, financial, marital, alcohol and stress-related problems.

- Supervisors are often in the best position to detect early indications

of these problems and are key to identifying, addressing and resolving them.

- Supervisors must stay involved and be supportive as their subordinates struggle to resolve their problems.
- Supervisors must also clarify Air Force standards, provide feedback on duty performance, and provide counseling on professional behavior, military bearing and available referral agencies if additional assistance is required.

## PROFESSIONALS

of the week

### 62nd Contracting Squadron

#### Tech. Sgt. Jim Wyatt

**Duty Title:**  
NCOIC

**Duty section:**  
Plans and programs flight

**Hometown:**  
Dawson Springs, Ky.

#### Why he's super:

Sergeant Wyatt manages the squadron's automated data processing and networking equipment valued at more than \$500,000. He also interfaces with the 62nd Communications Squadron, troubleshooting and repairing squadron computer hardware and peripherals. Sergeant Wyatt returned from his deployment at the end of May to his new job as system administrator. With the fiscal year-end around the corner, Sergeant Wyatt has been charged with keeping the 62nd CONS computer systems running during this critical time. He has taken this challenge head on and without complaint. He is relentless in his efforts to complete each task and does so ahead of schedule.



#### Tom Stevens

**Duty Title:**  
Secretary/office automation clerk

**Duty section:**  
Commander support staff

**Hometown:**  
Tacoma, Wash.

#### Why he's tops:

Mr. Stevens has proven himself as a valuable member of the squadron team. In the past 90 days, he's processed personnel actions accounting for the promotion or replacement of 16 percent of the squadron's personnel. As the commander's executive assistant, Mr. Stevens ensures that the commander is prepared and is where he's supposed to be. As the OPR/EPR evaluation custodian for the squadron, Mr. Stevens ensures that the tremendous accomplishments of the men and women of the 62nd CONS are properly recognized and documented.



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## DOD personal property program actively seeks servicemembers' input

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AFNS) — Have you ever had your household goods moved and at the end of the process, thought, “That was the best move I’ve had. I hope my next move is that good.” Or conversely, “That move was horrible. I hope no one else has to use movers like these.”

Well, you now have a say in which moving companies the Department of Defense uses more or less frequently.

Unfortunately, on average, servicemembers are only taking advantage of their opportunity to have a voice in the process around 20 percent of the time.

Officials from the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command along with the U.S. Transportation Command and the services are implementing a new program for moving your household goods. It’s called the Defense Personal Property Program, or DP3.

The backbone of DP3 is a customer evaluation of the move process. This evaluation is called the customer satisfaction survey. The customer satisfaction survey is not your typical survey that gets collected and may impact you at some future date, or worse yet, a survey where no appreciable outcome is ever apparent. On the contrary, the customer satisfaction survey that servicemembers fill out following their move is actually used six times over a 12-month period to help determine which carriers get more moves during the relevant performance period.

The customer satisfaction survey is designed to be completed quickly. It is a simple, 12-question evaluation that has two direct impacts on all future DOD

household good shipments.

First, as mentioned above, it is used as the cornerstone of a program designed to move away from the historical “low cost” system for selecting movers, toward a best value acquisition of moving companies based on your customer satisfaction survey input, the rates a company files, and the speed and satisfaction with which the moving company handles any claim the member submits. Without your support for completing the survey, the program essentially reverts to the traditional low cost methodology, and the servicemember satisfaction element goes away because of no input from customers.

Second, this information is used to improve government services pertaining to household goods shipments.

Whether the servicemember experiences a good or bad move, the customer satisfaction survey is a vital component of DP3 and is the best way of improving future moves for servicemembers, DOD civilians, and their families. Completing a customer satisfaction survey has an immediate impact on improving future household goods moves.

Instructions and the link to the customer satisfaction survey are e-mailed to the member once a household goods shipment has been delivered. To ensure this happens, members should provide an e-mail address to their personal property counselor that can be accessed 24/7 at the destination.

For more information on the customer satisfaction survey and DP3, please visit [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) and click on “DOD Customer.”



Photo by Abner Guzman

## End of summer celebration

**Ebony Challinor, left, and Cindy Spano, 62nd Force Support Squadron, look on as Emmon Challinor, 4, picks an item from the prize table during the summer reading program final celebration at the base library Tuesday.**



# Airmen receive UCMJ disciplinary actions in July

By

Capt. Sean McConnell  
62nd Airlift Wing Legal Office

The following Airmen received non-judicial punishment actions under Article 15 Uniform Code of Military Justice here in July:

- A senior Airman was found in violation of Article 121 – Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation – for placing 50 percent off stickers on full item price merchandise and

then proceeding to purchase the items at half price. The punishment imposed was a reduction in rank to Airman 1st Class and 14 days of extra duty.

- An Airman 1st class was found in violation of Article 112a – Wrongful Distribution of a Controlled Substance – for distributing 3-4 oxycodone pills to a fellow Airman. The punishment imposed was a suspended reduction in rank to Airman and 14 days of extra duty.

The following are the results of courts-martial actions here in July:

- An Airman 1st class was court martialed in a special court-martial for one charge and one specification of Article 112a: Wrongful Distribution of a Controlled Substance (oxycodone). The accused pled guilty and was found guilty of distributing oxycodone. The member was sentenced by the military judge to 90 days hard labor without confinement, 30 days restriction to base

and reduction to E-2.

- An Airman 1st class was court martialed in a special court-martial for one charge and one specification of Article 112a: Wrongful Distribution of a Controlled Substance (oxycodone). The accused pled guilty and was found guilty of wrongful distribution of oxycodone. The member was sentenced by the military judge to confinement for four months, forfeitures of \$500 for four months and reduction to E-1.

## 0-0-1-3



*The medical standard is one drink for women or two drinks for men if a daily drinker.*

*For periodic drinking, the standard is to keep the blood alcohol level or blood alcohol content under 0.05.*

*Use personal risk management  
Use situational awareness  
Use your wingman  
Use a friend*

**0 Drinks under age 21  
0 DUI's  
Max 1 drink per hour  
Max 3 drinks in one night**

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**





# Officials look to solve social network risks without ban

By

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American Forces Press Service

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — As Pentagon officials here weigh the benefits and risks of social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, they hope to craft a policy that shores up security vulnerabilities without requiring a ban.

Meanwhile, Marine Corps officials clarified its guidelines on social networking, and said they would consider the findings gleaned in the Pentagon policy review due out in late September.

Department of Defense officials have said the policy review will attempt to balance the pros of social networking — such as its value for recruiting, public affairs and communication between troops and their families — against the potential security risks they create, which include violations of operations security, network vulnerability and bandwidth drain.

Asked if the Pentagon is leaning toward a policy that doesn't require a departmentwide ban, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman replied, "I think certainly it is."

"We need to do this comprehensive review, determine what the vulnerabilities are, match that against the benefits we receive from being able to use these new tools and capabilities, and then try to establish a policy that will accommodate all of that," Mr. Whitman said.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates is slated to receive a report on the threats and benefits of Web 2.0 tools before the end of the month, and a departmentwide policy is due in late September. Both Secretary Gates and Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have embraced the new technologies.

The Pentagon's chief information officer is taking the lead on the review, which was prompted by concerns raised at U.S. Strategic Command, officials said. STRATCOM officials are responsible for overseeing the use of the "dot-mil" network.

For many junior-ranking troops, Youtube, MySpace and Facebook are more than mere diversions; they are the primary means through which young servicemembers communicate with friends and families while on deployments. They also represent avenues for recruiting efforts and dialogue between com-

manders and military personnel and families, Mr. Whitman said.

"So it is a part of our society. It is pervasive," he said. "But we also have to be mindful that we don't do things that will impede our ability to do our core missions here."

Concern for maintaining operations security exists in cyberspace as it does in other social arenas, Mr. Whitman said. He added that the military's operations security training regimen — which emphasizes practicing security at the source — also translates to social networking.

"Whether I'm communicating over the Internet or I'm talking to somebody at a local establishment socially," he said, "I should be mindful of [operations security] and what I say, and whether or not it's going to compromise any aspect of a military operation."

In the midst of underlying tension between social networking's pros and cons, the absence of a standing DOD policy has led to differing interpretations of how to mitigate threats, Mr. Whitman said.

"It's an unevenness in the way in which people have applied — locally — policies associated with how they have assessed the threat," he said.

"And it reflects the tension that exists between wanting to use these social networking tools and wanting to protect our networks."

"I think that tension ... is important for us to resolve at a department level so that commanders have some guidance when they're looking at how to use these tools, as well as how to protect the networks," he added.

No departmentwide directives ban the use of social networking and other Web 2.0 applications. But the Marine Corps' block on social networks underscores the unevenness Mr. Whitman described.

Since early 2007, the Corps has blocked Marines from accessing sites such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube through the Marine network. While Marines at home and abroad may use the sites on nonmilitary networks, only those with a waiver are exempted from the standing policy, Marine Corps officials said.

"Right now, the [Defense Department] has yet to come up with a policy on this," said Ray Letteer, the senior information assurance official for the Marine Corps. "So we ... are just maintaining what has been the policy since 2007."

**When working with classified information, keep security in mind at all times! Use approved OPSEC, EMSEC, COMPUSEC and Info Protect facilities and equipment only!**



## Antarctic missions resume next week

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — The U.S. military is scheduled to begin its winter flying period Aug. 18 as part of its support to the U.S. Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation.

The period, known as WINFLY, is scheduled to last until Aug. 30 and will deliver advance teams and cargo to New Zealand and Antarctica for the upcoming main season of Operation Deep Freeze.

A C-17 Globemaster III and associated personnel from McChord will deploy to Christchurch International Airport, New Zealand, as part of WINFLY. From Christchurch, the C-17 will transport National Science Foundation people and cargo to and from McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Operation Deep Freeze involves U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard forces operational and logistic support of the National Science Foundation's scientific research activities in Antarctica.

The operation is possibly the military's most difficult peacetime mission due to the harsh Antarctic environment.

### *I am a Wingman...*

**M**aj. Doug Edwards, 8th Airlift Squadron, was presented a Wingman coin recently for helping prevent what could have been a life-threatening situation for one of his Airmen.

*After observing one of his fellow Airman's lethargic and listless demeanor during a recent mission, Major Edwards pulled the Airman aside and asked him to see the flight surgeon the next morning.*

*After a checkup with the flight surgeon, the Airman was rushed to Madigan Army Medical Hospital, where he was treated for hypothyroidism and extremely low sodium levels.*

*Had the condition gone untreated for much longer, doctors told the Airman he might have suffered a seizure or heart palpitations.*

*"The bottom line is in our Wingman culture, we all have to look out for each other," Major Edwards said. "I'm just trying to take care of my fellow airmen and execute our mission. I'm glad we caught (him) in the nick of time."*

*I will never leave an Airman behind!*





*McChord Airmen*

# AROUND THE WORLD



Courtesy photo

**AFGHANISTAN** — Master Sgt. Bruce McPherson, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, prepares to convoy to an undisclosed location as part of a security detail during a recent deployment.



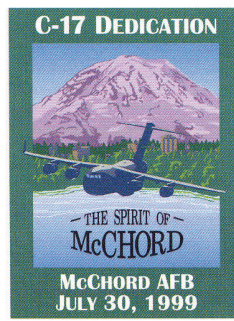
Courtesy photo

**KUWAIT** — Capt. Jonathan Bell, 62nd SFS, second from left, stands with fellow Airmen during a recent deployment.





# C-17 Globemaster III marks 10 years of service at McChord



This letter commemorates the delivery of a Boeing-built C-17 Globemaster III, tail number 98-0052, to the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, on July 30, 1999. This aircraft carries the proud designation *The Spirit of McChord*.

The C-17 Globemaster III provides our nation with a new standard for airlift superiority. Air Mobility crews flying the C-17 can deliver out-sized pieces of equipment and heavy cargo loads directly to small, austere airfields anywhere in the world. The ground agility of the C-17 also reduces the time required to offload military cargo or humanitarian relief supplies and then return to the air again.

The Boeing Company is proud to be the manufacturer of the C-17. More than 12,000 employees at Boeing facilities across America, as well as thousands more working at supplier companies, are committed to maintaining the Globemaster III as the most versatile and reliable aircraft in the world.

On behalf of the entire C-17 team, I salute McChord AFB on the occasion of this delivery and congratulate the 62nd Airlift Wing for its selection as the winner of the 1999 Presidential Award for Quality Improvement.

David Spong

David Spong  
Vice President and General Manager  
Boeing Airlift and Tanker Programs



One of McChord's first two C-17s arrives in 1999. The third arrived a month later, eventually building up to the 43 stationed here now.



Along with dedication stamps, military coins commemorating the C-17s arrival at McChord were minted.

With nearly 1,000 local community leaders and Team McChord members watching intently, McChord's first C-17 Globemaster III — the "Spirit of McChord" — touched down here July 30, 1999, piloted by then-Air Mobility Commander Gen. Charles "Tony" Robertson.

The aptly-named aircraft was one of two C-17s flown from the Boeing plant in Long Beach, Calif., to McChord that day, kicking off an era of ten years of C-17s operating out of McChord.

The third aircraft arrived about a month later, eventually building up to the 43 C-17s stationed here today.

There was a great sense of pride among onlookers and Airmen in the audience that day, said Linda Myers, who at the time worked as an air reserve technician.

"People were excited to see a new weapons system like the C-17 arriving at the base," said Ms. Myers, who currently works as a quality assurance inspector with the 62nd Maintenance Group. "There was a feeling among everyone that this was going to be a good thing for us."

But for many loyal and diehard admirers of the C-17's predecessor, the C-141 Starlifter, the moment was also a tad bitter-sweet.

"We had flown the C-141 for more than three decades and we were very attached to the airplane and the memories," said Lt. Col. Anna Sullivan, 446th Airlift Wing chief of public affairs. "We also had friends leaving because the new aircraft didn't require a navigator or an engineer. The departure of the last C-141s from McChord was sad and sentimental."

Aircraft maintainers also had mixed feelings.

"It was really strange to see a

new aircraft out on the flightline," Ms. Myers said. "You're sad to see the end of an era because a lot of us loved working on the C-141."

As a senior master sergeant working in the 62nd MXG, John Bobincheck spent nearly a year working with an ADVON team sent from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., to help McChord stand up a C-17 fleet.

"We were getting thousands of different pieces of bench stock and various tools and pieces of test equipment, none of which any of us had seen before," said Mr. Bobincheck, now a quality assurance functional director with the 62nd MXG. "We had no idea what any of it was. It was all completely different from anything used to work on the C-141."

"The (C-17) was so technically advanced, spacious and new," Colonel Sullivan said. "There were a lot of things to learn at the time."

Mr. Bobincheck still has the commemorative envelope signifying the arrival of the aircraft to McChord.

"We'd seen the C-17s in the system before, and they definitely lived up to the hype and what everyone was saying they could do," he said.

While Ms. Myers still attests there can never be a better aircraft than the C-141, the C-17 found a special place in her heart that day ten years ago.

"When I saw it backing up, I was blown away," she said.

The C-17s arrival kicked off a new era of airlift at McChord and continues to push Airmen to new heights.

"We have met some really difficult challenges in the last 10 years," Colonel Sullivan said. "We have a decade of memories now."

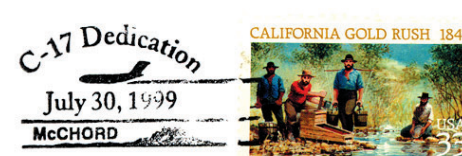
By  
Tyler Hemstreet  
Staff writer



This historic picture, taken July 30, 1999, shows the first C-17 Globemaster III delivered to McChord taxiing down the flightline toward a waiting group of community leaders and Team McChord members.



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# Pace team to help runners keep marathon goals

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) — The Air Force Marathon pace team will be on-hand to help both first time and experienced marathoners looking to reach their running goals for the Sept. 19 race here.

The pace team is a group of experienced marathoners that will lead runners through the entire 26.2 miles of the course at even, designated paces during the 2009 U.S. Air Force Marathon.

There are several marathon pace times to choose from, ranging between 3 hours and 10 minutes to 5 hours. There are also pace times for the half marathon.

Pace teams can be beneficial for both beginners and experienced runners, said Jim Crist, the pace team director. "Running with a pacer is undoubtedly the most effective support that any runner could have."

Runners wishing to achieve a particular time will be able to meet up with



the pace group leader at the starting line and run with that leader for the duration of the race.

Mr. Crist has been working with the Air Force Marathon for the past five years and has experienced many challenging and exhilarating races. He said he enjoys helping runners meet their personal goals and giving back

to the sport.

"It's very fulfilling to see others run their first event or hit a goal time, or just have a successful run," Mr. Crist said.

The Air Force Marathon running events will be held over two days. The marathon, half-marathon, and 10K will be held at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force adjacent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The 5K will be co-hosted with Wright State University Sept. 18 on its main campus.

To find out more about the Air Force Marathon, including volunteer or registration information, please visit [www.usafmarathon.com](http://www.usafmarathon.com).



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# Osan cross servicing programs foster good relations

By

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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFNS) -- The first combat cross servicing program evaluation of the year for Osan Air Base Airmen took place Monday when two South Korean F-5s landed on the flightline here.

The Osan AB combat cross servicing program is a mutual agreement between the U.S. and South Korean air force that allows maintainers from both services to get hands-on experience working on each other's aircraft.

According to Master Sgt. Dale Deskins, the 7th Air Force combat cross servicing superintendent, the agreement allows South Korean air force aircraft to land at U.S. Air Force bases in South Korea and receive maintenance from Airmen, and allow U.S. planes to land at South Korean air force bases and receive maintenance from South Korean air force maintainers, thus increasing both services' warfighting capability.

Sergeant Deskins said this program allows either plane to land at any base during a war time environment, get serviced and get back in the fight faster.

"The intent of the program is to increase joint combat capability," said Master Sgt. Paul Marquez, the transient alert section chief. "This program gives maintainers a broad-

er feel and a wider range of knowledge and a better appreciation for the joint mission by allowing them to work with Republic of Korea air force maintainers firsthand."

U.S. transient alert personnel, to include weapons loaders and crew chiefs, participating in the program are given training on the foreign aircraft at South Korean air force bases prior to working on them, but said the hands-on experience is the best teacher.

"This is a great program. We can get with the Koreans and learn their culture as well as teach them ours," said Senior Airman Brandon Savage of the 51st Maintenance Operations Squadron. "It's nice to work with them though, because if we need help or if they ever need emergency help we already know them and have a good working relationship with them and their aircraft."

However, for other participants in the program, such as Staff Sgt. Trenton Schreyer, a transient alert crew chief, the best part about the participating in the program is simply the challenge.

"I launch, recover, inspect and service the incoming (South Korean air force aircraft), and what I like the most about CSP is that it keeps us fresh," he said. "If you're only trained once but never see the aircraft you're going to be familiar with it, this helps keeps us competent."

Sergeant Schreyer said he also enjoys the uniqueness of the job.

"This job is a lot more of a challenge," he said. "This aircraft is



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ferguson

**Senior Airman Sean Rindfleisch looks on as two South Korean air force pilots prepare to exit an F-5 Tiger II Monday at Osan Air Base, South Korea. Airman Rindfleisch is servicing the F-5 as part of the Osan AB combat cross servicing program. The program is a mutual agreement between the U.S. and South Korea that allows the maintainers from both services to get hands-on experience working on each other's aircraft.**

different than any others we work with and working with the (South Korean air force) is enjoyable. I find we actually have a lot in common. Some things they do differently, but the majority of what we all do is the same."

Sergeant Schreyer has been involved with cross servicing program for more than two years and said he volunteered to do it again because he truly likes working with the South Koreans.

"I have met a lot of good people and a lot of friends and I'm having a good time," he said.

For now, the cross servicing program exchange takes place on average five to eight times a month, culminating in an annual inspection.

Sergeant Marquez said the program will be expanding in the near future to include the South Korean air force's new aircraft, the F-15K, which is the country's premier fighter jet.





# Airmen hand over visitation operations at Camp Bucca

By

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CAMP BUCCA, Iraq (AFNS) — A ceremony was held to mark the end of Air Force participation in visitation operations at Camp Bucca's theater internment facility as the Army assumed responsibility of the mission Monday here.

More than 120 Airmen from the 887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron were recognized for bringing detainees and their family members together.

Army Lt. Col. Brad Bishop, 168th Military Police Battalion commander, presided over the ceremony, handing out certificates of appreciation and coins to thank the Airmen for their service.

"I cannot tell you how much we appreciate the job well done by you Airmen out here," he said. "You had a tough mission. You came in contact with more detainees and civilians than the average person at Camp Bucca and executed well."

The 168th MP Battalion is responsible for day-to-day visitation operations. Along with members of the 887th ESFS, they are committed to care and custody of detainees with dignity and respect. In 2008, more than 131,000 family members were reunited with loved ones by 887th ESFS Airmen. This year, more than 48,000 have passed through the gates.

Each morning, Airmen met families at the gate, searched them and escorted them to the visitation facilities. At the same time, detainees were processed and transported. Colonel Bishop acknowledged the challenges the mission presented and praised the Airmen for their performance.

"You had to use your interpersonal skills to conduct this mission and make it go smoothly," he said. "You had to adapt to changing situations with civilians and you've done that remarkably. Your commitment and can-do attitude and professionalism are above reproach."

Additionally, the colonel explained that work done today will pay dividends down the road.

"Your impact will be everlasting at Bucca," he added. "Your impact to the society will be everlasting in Iraq. Your impact in care and custody to the detainees that came through visitation will make a lasting mark on those individuals. You will leave here as one of the most successful units to come through Camp Bucca."

Every morning, Senior Airman Vernon Boyd, 887th ESFS controller deployed from Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, was tasked with preparing the lists of detainees that would receive their two-hour visits that day. On some days, with more than 400 family members lined up at the gate, Airman Boyd said the job could be pretty overwhelming, but the benefits far outweighed any



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shaun Emery

**Airman 1st Class Jordan Barth renders a salute to Army Lt. Col. Brad Bishop after receiving a certificate of appreciation during an end-of-tour ceremony Monday at Camp Bucca, Iraq. More than 120 Airmen from the 887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron were recognized for their work in visitation operations while deployed.**

difficulties.

"A lot of these family members haven't seen each other in years," he said. "So it was important not to mess the process up or someone might have missed a visitation for that time."

As the ceremony drew to a close, Col. John Williams, the 586th Air Expeditionary Group commander, reminded the Airmen that it is their devotion to excellence that will pave the way for future operations.

"We quickly learned here in Iraq, our most powerful weapon is our

values," he said. "Our values as Americans and our values as Airmen. You all dealt with the Iraqis on a daily basis. And because you did so in a professional manner, treating all of them with dignity and respect, we earned their respect."

Taking over for the departing Airmen are sister-servicemembers from the Army. Although the Air Force held a large footprint in the operation, according to Colonel Williams the joint partnership between services from the start was the key to the successful program.



### Limited service at McChord Clinic

The McChord Clinic is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The clinic includes both the 62nd Medical Squadron, which serves active duty beneficiaries, and the McChord Medical Clinic, which serves family members and retirees. The clinic closes at noon every second Tuesday for medical readiness training, except in September, as the day will fall on Sept. 15. The clinic will close at noon today for the wing's Sports Day and the clinic picnic. The clinic will also be closed on Sept. 4th for AMC Family Day and Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day. Please direct any questions or concerns to the 62nd MS group practice manager at 253-982-2304.

### AF Ball 5K run

The Air Force Ball committee hosts a 5K run as part of the monthly wing run Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. Both events start at Hangar 4 at the normal wing run starting point. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest male and female in various categories. A suggested donation of \$5 per participant (in the AF Ball 5K only) will go toward making the 2009 Ball a stellar event. To sign up or for more information, contact Master Sgt. Wayne Gilbert at 982-5107 or wayne.gilbert-02@mcchord.af.mil.

### AFRC hosts transition seminar

The Airman and Family Readiness Center hosts a special seminar on transitioning from military to civilian life from 8 to 11 a.m. Aug. 28 at the center's annex classroom. The presentation is geared toward officers and senior enlisted Airmen, but all ranks, and family members, are welcome to attend. All who attend will receive a free copy of the lecture's companion

book, titled "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career." The book includes comprehensive information on the retirement decision itself, employer perceptions, your competition, resumes, cover letters, job search, networking, career fairs, interview techniques, salary negotiation, benefits packages, the current job market and other relevant and important transition topics. For more information and to register for this event, contact the AFRC at 982-2695.

### McChord Key Spouse voicemail

The Key Spouse program here has voicemail (982-KEYS) for families wanting to contact or get more information about their unit's Key Spouses. The voicemail gives every squadron the ability to have a personalized mailbox where people can leave messages for Key Spouses.

### IT Expo at Fort Lewis

The 12th Annual Information Technology Expo will take place Tuesday at the American Lake Club on Fort Lewis. Exhibits will be open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visitors can view and demo some of the latest advancements in the field from today's leading IT vendors. There is no fee to attend and complimentary refreshments will be served. For more information, email dennis@fbinc.com.

### Spouse and family member employment assistance

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers weekly classes on resume writing, job search techniques and interviewing and networking tips. People may also get information on annual spouse employment scholarships offered by the Air Force Aid Society

and the Certified Nursing Assistant Program through Clover Park Technical College. The career assessment and planning program "Discover" is also online is for high school, adults, professionals, and those transitioning out of the military. For more information, call 982-2695.

### USO Back to School Supply Drive

Donation boxes are at the McChord USO and the customer service window outside the sponsorship office until Aug. 21. For more information, call Tracye at 253-589-8772.

### Mandatory pre-separation counseling

Military servicemembers are required to complete the pre-separation counseling checklist at least 90 days prior to military discharge. Recommended attendance of the pre-separation class is within 12 months for those separating from service and within 24 months for those retiring. The class is

offered bi-weekly on Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 551. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

### Transition Assistance Program employment workshop

A TAP employment assistance workshop, provided by the Defense Department, the Labor Department, and the Veterans Administration is offered bi-weekly from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 551. Topics include individual transition plans, resume development, effective job search, interviews, networking, and more. The workshop is facilitated by a trained Labor Department instructor experienced with the military transition and the current employment environment. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 982-2695 for more information or to register.

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## McChord Chaplain Corps Faith & Worship Programs

For more information on Chapel services and programs, please call 982-5556.

To contact Duty Chaplain after duty hours, contact the Command Post at 982-2635.

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

All Catholic services are in chapel two.

#### Saturday:

4 p.m. Confession: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181

5 p.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181

#### Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181

11 a.m. Mass: Chapel 2, Bldg. 181

12:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small

Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

#### Monday:

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#### Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Faith Formation: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month:

Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

6:30 p.m. Why Catholic? Small

Group Study: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

#### PROTESTANT SERVICES and RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

#### Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Liturgical Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180

9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

11 a.m. Traditional Worship: Chapel 1, Bldg. 180

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship: Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746

#### JEWISH SERVICES:

#### Friday:

6 p.m. Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of the month: Ft. Lewis, Chapel 5, Bldg. T-2270

#### OTHER PROGRAMS:

The following Chapel programs take place at the Chapel Support Center, Bldg. 746.

#### Tuesday:

9:30 a.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS); 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

6 p.m. Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Bible Study; 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday of the month

#### Wednesday:

11 a.m. Adult Bible Study





### **Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts**

The Defense Department Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts for military spouses of active duty and activated Guard and Reserve Service members worldwide offer eligible military spouses up to \$6,000 of financial assistance to help pay for licenses, certifications and education in high growth, high demand portable career fields. For more information, visit <http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx> and click on the link "Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts" at the bottom of the Web page under "Military Programs."

### **Madigan Annex TBI classes**

Traumatic Brain Injuries Program educational series classes for educators and healthcare providers are offered Thursdays at the Madigan annex on Fort Lewis. For more information, call the TBI program education specialist administrator, Bronwyn

Pughe, at 968-3193.

### **Enlisted force structure**

The latest version of Air Force Instruction 26-2618, the enlisted force structure, is available online at: <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/shared/media/epubs/AFI36-2618.pdf>.

### **New hours at wing self-help store**

The wing self-help store hours of operation are now 8 a.m. to noon weekdays. It closes on holidays and Air Mobility Command Family Days.

### **FTAC in-processing now online**

All first-term Airmen arriving from technical training must register via the Team McChord Professional Development Community of Practice at <https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AM-DP-00-16>. For more information, call 982-6682.

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## NAMES TO NOTE

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The following individuals scored 90 percent or greater on their end of curriculum Career Development Course:

- **Airman 1st Class Madeline Martinez-Pagan**, 62nd Force Support Squadron, 96 percent
- **Airman Dustin Williams, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron**, 94 percent
- **Airman 1st Class Samson Salley**, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 92 percent
- **Senior Airman Janno Adelan**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron, 91 percent
- **Staff Sgt. Robert Vidales**, 62nd SFS, 90 percent
- **Staff Sgt. Hector Laureano**, 62nd SFS, 90 percent

